

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 6-7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as shown in the Listing of Claims below.

This Listing of Claims will replace prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method executed by a server capable of communicating with a client device and a printer device through a network, the client device being different from the printer device, the method comprising:

receiving a printing request from the client device;

transmitting print data to the printer device selected in the client device in accordance with the received printing request; and

transmitting, to the client device, information for causing the client device to acquire, from the printer device without going through the server, a state of processing of the transmitted print data.

2. (original) A method according to Claim 1, further comprising authenticating that the printing request is a printing request from a valid user.

3. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the printer device combines print form data and the print data transmitted by the server in order to generate image data for printing.

4. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the information for causing the client device to acquire the state of processing of the transmitted print data comprises a uniform resource identifier of a Web page

indicating the state of processing of the transmitted print data.

5. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 4, wherein the client device displays the state of processing of the print data in a Web browser in accordance with the Web page acquired by the client device.

6-7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) An information processing device capable of communicating with an external device and a printer device through a network, the external device being different from the printer device, the information processing device comprising:

a request receiving unit configured to receive a printing request from the external device;

a data transmission unit configured to transmit print data to the printer device selected in the external device in accordance with the printing request received by the request receiving unit; and

a transmission unit configured to transmit, to the external device, information for causing the external device to acquire, from the printer device without going through the information processing apparatus, a state of processing of the print data transmitted by the data transmission unit.

9. (previously presented) An information processing device according to Claim 8, further comprising an authenticating unit configured to authenticate that the printing request is a printing request from a valid user.

10. (previously presented) An information processing device according to Claim 8, wherein the printer device combines print form data and the print data transmitted by the data transmission unit in order to generate image data for printing.

11. (previously presented) An information processing device according to Claim 8, wherein the information for causing the external device to acquire the state of processing of the transmitted print data comprises a uniform resource identifier of a Web page indicating the state of processing of the transmitted print data

12. (previously presented) An information processing device according to Claim 11, wherein the external device displays the state of processing of the print data in a Web browser in accordance with the Web page acquired by the external device.

13. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having a program stored thereon for controlling a computer of a server capable of communicating with an external device and a printer device, the external device being different from the printer device, the program causing the computer to execute a method comprising:

receiving a printing request from the external device;
transmitting print data to the printer device selected in the external device in accordance with the received printing request; and
transmitting, to the external device, information for causing the external device to acquire, from the printer device without going through the server, a

state of processing of the transmitted print data.

14. (previously presented) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 13, wherein the method further comprises authenticating that the printing request is a printing request from a valid user.

15. (previously presented) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 13, wherein the printer device combines print form data and the print data transmitted by the server in order to generate image data for printing.

16. (previously presented) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 15, wherein the information for causing the external device to acquire the state of processing of the transmitted print data comprises a uniform resource identifier of a Web page indicating the state of processing of the transmitted print data.

17. (previously presented) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 16, wherein the external device displays the state of processing of the print data in accordance with the Web page acquired by the external device.